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between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom
and the Government of India and
the Netherlands Government

amending the Agreement of June 19, 1926, regarding the

Sanitary Control over Mecca Pilgrims at Kamaran Island

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IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AND THE NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT AMENDING THE
AGREEMENT OF JUNE 19, 1926, REGARDING THE SANITARY
CONTROL OF MECCA PILGRIMS AT KAMARAN ISLAND.

London, June 13, 1939.

No. 1.

Viscount Halifax to Count Limburg Stirum.

Sir,

Foreign Office, June 13, 1939.

I HAVE the honour to inform you that His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of India have had under consideration the provisions of Article 9 (b) of the Agreement signed at Paris on the 19th June, 1926,⁽¹⁾ regarding the sanitary control over Mecca pilgrims at Kamaran Island.

2. His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of India are of the opinion that, having regard to the changed circumstances which have arisen since the Agreement came into force, the rate of interest laid down in the above Article is no longer appropriate and requires to be brought into closer relation with current financial conditions. They accordingly propose that the Article in question should be amended to read as follows:—

“(b) Any surplus available in respect of the previous financial year after provision has been made for the expenditure required during the forthcoming year, which surplus shall bear compound interest at a rate equivalent (to the nearest quarter per cent.) to the average redemption yield, during the five calendar years immediately preceding, of the Government of India rupee loans with an unexpired term exceeding five years.”

3. I have the honour to suggest that, if the amendment proposed above is agreeable to the Netherlands Government, the present note and your reply to that effect shall be held to constitute an agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of India, on the one hand, and the Netherlands Government on the other, which shall take effect as follows:—

(i) provisionally as from the 1st January, 1939, subject to termination upon one month's notice on either side;

(¹) “Treaty Series No. 26 (1926)” Cmd. 2741.

- (ii) definitively, also as from the 1st January, 1939, if and when the Netherlands Government give notice that the States General have approved the amendment.

I have, &c.
 (For the Secretary of State),
 C. W. BAXTER.

No. 2.

Count Limburg Stirum to Viscount Halifax.

Netherland Legation,

My Lord,

London, June 13, 1939.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your note of to-day's date in the following terms:—

[As in No. 1.]

I have the honour to inform you that the Netherland Government are in agreement with the proposals for the amendment of Article 9 (b) of the Agreement signed at Paris on the 19th June, 1926, regarding the sanitary control over Mecca pilgrims at Kamaran Island and to confirm that your note and this reply shall be held to constitute an agreement between the Netherland Government, on the one hand, and His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of India, on the other, which shall take effect as follows:—

- (i) provisionally as from the 1st January, 1939, subject to termination upon one month's notice on either side;
 (ii) definitively, also as from the 1st January, 1939, if and when the Netherland Government give notice that the States General have approved the amendment.

I have, &c.
 LIMBURG STIRUM.